

FRESH SOD INSTALLATION GUIDE



Your complete step-by-step walkthrough of our elite 8-step installation process, professional watering schedules, and long-term care guidelines.



WHY CHOOSE US?

Instant Green Lawn

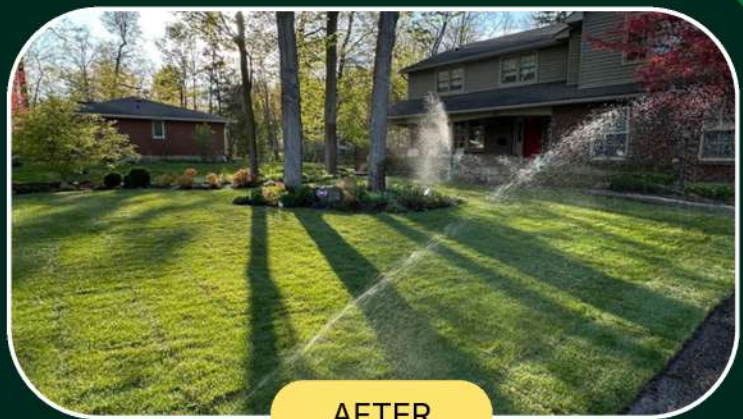
Same-Day Installation

Premium Fresh Sod

After Care Guide



BEFORE



AFTER

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OUR PROCESS

1



OLD SOD REMOVAL

Using our sod cutter, we remove 2" of old sod (included in price). We do not rototill. Rototilling mixes the old weeds into the new soil, creating a high chance of them coming back.

2



SOIL INSTALLATION

Supply and install up to 3" of screened topsoil. It is packed with the right stuff to keep your lawn looking its best!

3



SLOPING/GRADING

Remove any lumps and bumps to ensure your new lawn is at and has the best grade for your yard.

4



FERTILIZE

Apply turf starter fertilizer. This will help promote initial root growth.

5



SOD INSTALLATION

Supply and install 100% Kentucky Bluegrass sod. Cut fresh from the sod farm the morning of installation. It is very important to install within the first 12 hours.

OUR PROCESS

6



ROLL NEW SOD

Roll your lawn using our 400lb roller to both compress the sod to the soil and to remove any air pockets, smoothing out any bumps along the way.

7



WATERING LAWN

Water your lawn using the homeowner's water. One time after installation. The first watering is the most important.

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SOD WARRANTY

We offer a 100% guarantee that your sod will grow and if any pieces die due to being unhealthy we will come back and replace it. Free of charge.

THE GOLD STANDARD CARE GUIDE

THE POST-CARE WATERING PROTOCOL

The Golden Rule: Water is the single most critical factor for a successful installation.

- **Water Immediately:** A half-inch of water in the first 10–15 minutes is vastly better than three inches of water a few hours later.
- **Water Deeply:** The ground beneath must stay consistently moist to maximize root results.

DAY	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7	 Mow	 Mow	 Mow

CRUCIAL CHECK:

Periodically lift a corner of a sod piece. If the soil underneath isn't damp, you aren't watering deeply enough.

PRO WATERING GAUGE TIP

1. Place an empty, straight-edged can (like a soup can) about 6 feet away from your sprinkler.
2. Once the water inside the can reaches a half-inch deep, it's time to move the sprinkler to the next zone.
3. **Watch the edges:** Heat reflecting off buildings and concrete dries sod rapidly. Water these boundary areas more frequently.

THE CRITICAL MOWING RULES

THE #1 INSTALLATION MISTAKE

The most common and disastrous mistake homeowners make is failing to mow 6–7 days after installation. Letting the grass grow too tall before its first cut will choke out the roots and damage your investment.

- **Timing:** Perform your very first mow exactly 7 days after installation.
- **Direction:** Always mow perpendicular (at a 90-degree angle) to the direction the sod rolls were laid out.
- **The 1/3 Rule:** Never remove more than 1/3 of the grass blade length during a single mowing session.
- **Mower Height:** Set your lawnmower cutting height to exactly 2 1/4 inches.
- **Blade Sharpness:** Ensure your mower blades are perfectly sharp. Dull blades rip the new grass rather than cutting it, opening the door to lawn diseases.